

The Links, Inc.

NATIONAL LINKS SONG

Music by - Marietta Hall Cephas Lyrics by - Frances Atkinsan

WE STRIVE TO DO SOME GOOD EACH YEAR

FOR THOSE WHO NEED OUR AID.

IT BINDS US CLOSE AND BRINGS US JOY,

AND SO WE FEEL REPAID.

WE ARE ALL LINKS IN FRIENDSHIP'S CHAIN

AND LOYAL TO OUR CREED

OF DOING GOOD THROUGH WORK AND PLAY,

TOGETHER WE'LL SUCCEED.





Founding Chapter of Links



Philadelphia Chapter—1946

Seated, left to right: Katie Greene, Marian Minton, Courtney Duckrey, Lillian Wall, Barbara Wilkins, new member. Standing, left to right: Dorothy Wright, Sarah Scott (deceased), co-founder, Lillian Stanford, Myrtle Manigault, Frances Atkinson and Mar, aret Hawkins (deceased) co-founder.



Oakland Bay Area—San Francisco Initiation, September 1950 Links Lillian Brown Installing Officer, assisted by Harriett Lewis

Link Francell K. Haskins 1335 Union Street, #6, San Francisco, CA 94109 415.749,1921 Home 510.267.8099 Business

February 27, 2001

Mrs. Schyleen Qualls Brown 403 Main Street, #520 San Francisco, CA 94105

Dear Mrs. Brown:

It is with great pleasure that the San Francisco Chapter of Links, Incorporated invite you to become a member of our chapter. We feel your membership will make our organization stronger.

Prior to accepting our invitation, we would like to invite you to attend an informational meeting. The meeting will be held on the evening of Tuesday, March 13, 2001. Information on the organization's purpose and membership responsibilities will be provided.

Please confirm your attendance by Monday, March 5, 2001 by contacting me by phone at my home or at my office.

1 anticipate your response.

Sincerely,

Link Francell K. Haskins

San Francisco Links, Inc.

Co-Chair, Membership Committee



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Dear Members of Can Trancisco Links, Incorporated, it is with great joy and appreciation that I accept the invitation to become a

member of your organization.

I look forward to being a part of your opecial chain of friendship and to serving with all of you in helping to fulfill the purposes of this time.

honored Ofrican american Comen's Institution.

I enjoyed the warm, informative

and elegant reception held at the

San Trancesco mariott, March 13th.

I want to expecially thank my co-sponsors, Resumarie Clark and Belva Davis Moore for making this opportunity possible. I hope my participation in the San Trancisco Chapter of Links, Incorporated will reflect their confidence in me.

I believe this will be a meaningful and significant step in my life.

Very truly yours, Schyleen Rualls Brown



San Francisco Links INFORMATION MEETING Tuesday, March 13, 2001, 7PM San Francisco Murriott

AGENDA

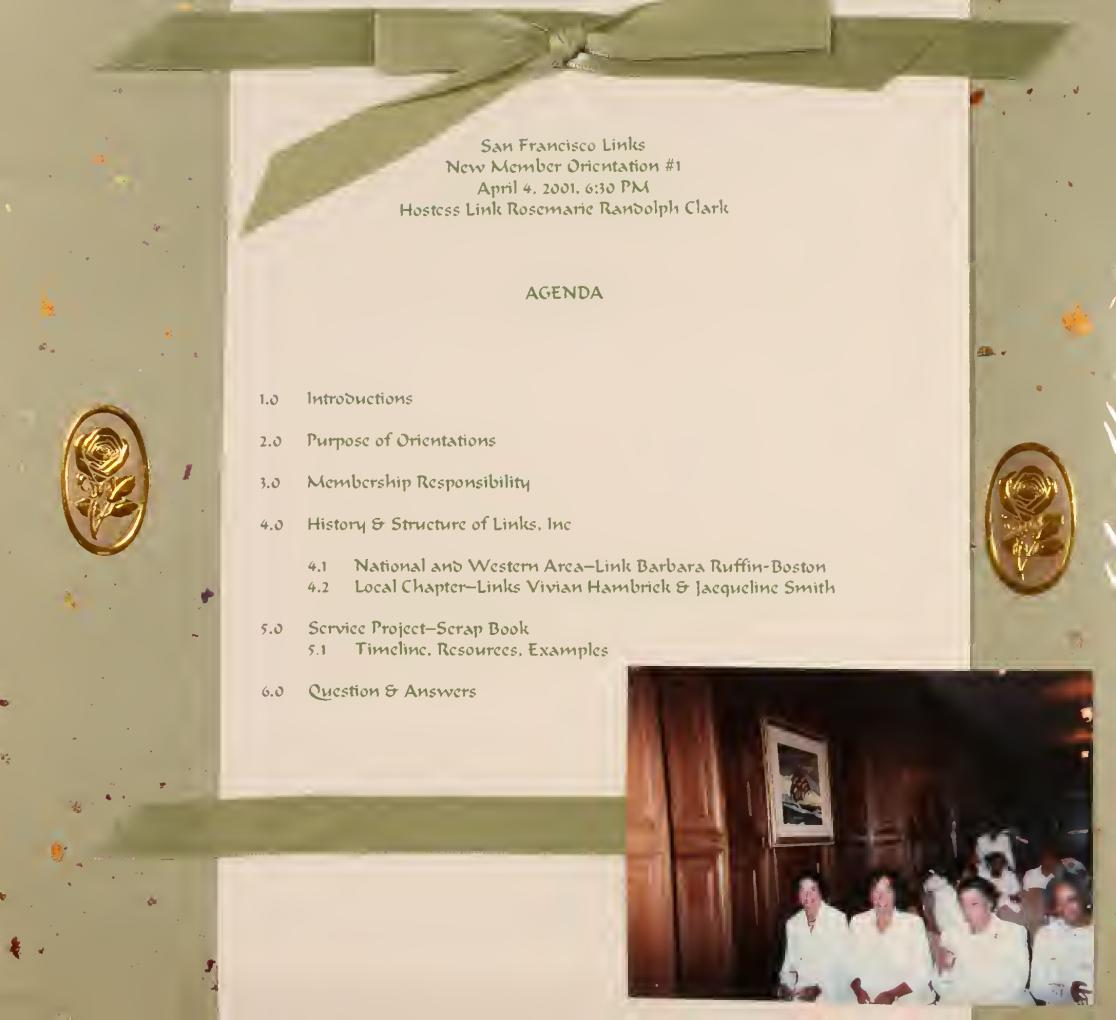
1.0	Introduction
2.0	Purpose of Meeting—Link Francell K. Haskins
3.0	Welcome—President Eunice Motte Jackson
4.1)	History of Liuks, Inc.—Link Barbara Ruffin Boston
5.0	Membership Responsibility—Liuk Francell K. Haskius
6.0	Questions & Auswers
7.0	Adjournment



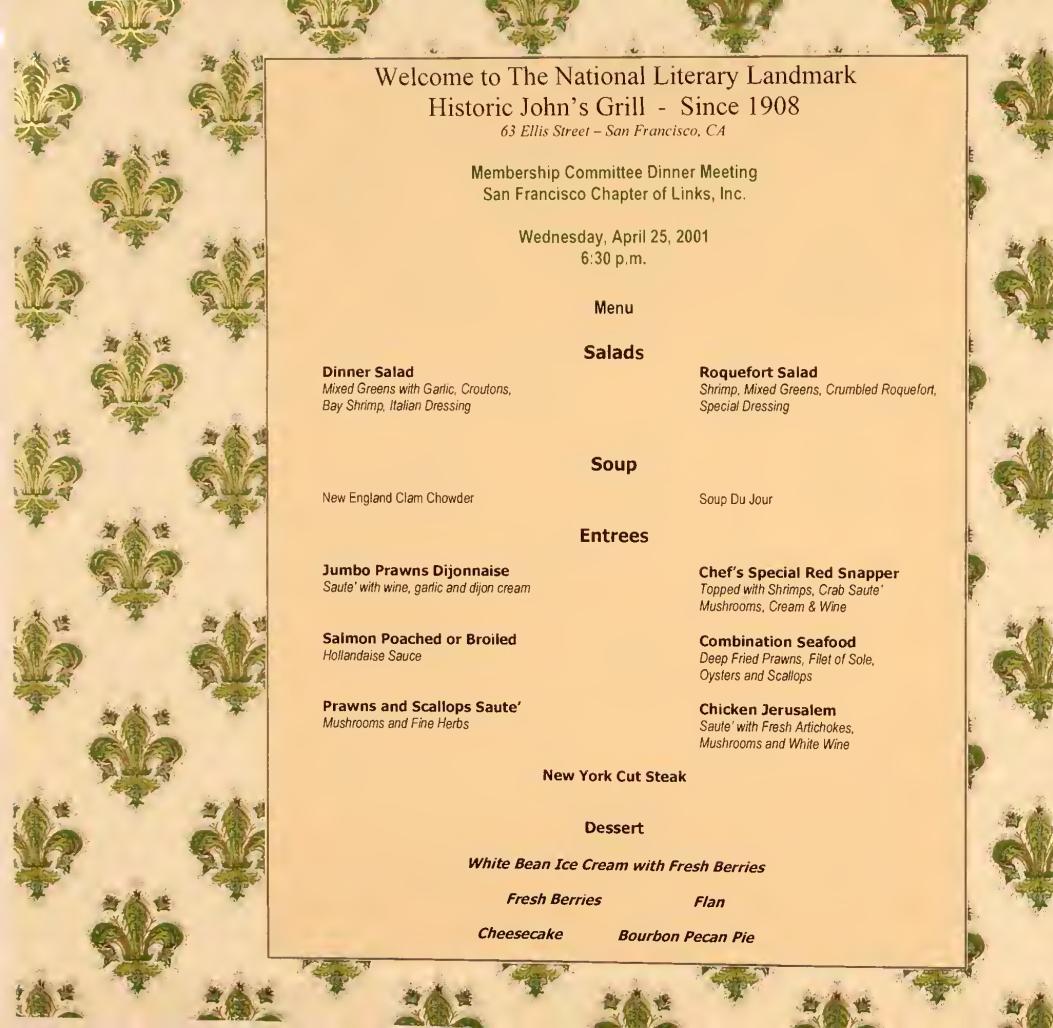
SAN FRANCISCO LINKS CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

- First Orientation Wednesday, April 4th, 6:30 PM; Hostess Link Rosemarie Clark
- Second Orientation—Wednesday, April 25th, 6:30 PM Hostess Link Barbara Ruffin-Boston
- Lunch with the Chapter-Saturday, April 28th, 11 PM Link Allison Metz
- Third Orientation—Wednesday, May 9th, 6:30 PM Links Julie Grant and Martha Elmore
- Induction Ceremony-Date/Time TBA

*Location of events will be announced









THE LINKS, INCORPORATED

San Francisco Chapter Since 1950

April 10, 2001

Dear Schyleen,

You are cordially invited to attend the Luncheon portion of our April meeting on Saturday, April 28, 2001 at 11am at the LeBistrot Restaurant, 1175 California St. (Cross Street Jones), in the Grame Towers Building across the street from Grace Cathedral. The entrance to the parking lot is on Jones St. Bring your ticket and we will validate it for you.

We look forward to meeting with you and beginning to develop and nurture a lasting friendship and sisterhood with you. And we eager await your induction ceremony.

Please RSVP to the hostess, Link Alison Metz at (415) 333-1961 b Tuesday, April 24, 2001.

LE BISTROT ATGRAMERCY

Le Bistrot would like to welcome San Francisco Links, Inc. for a luncheon with your host Allison Nicholas Metz April 28th, 2001

Salade Le Bistrot

Butter lettuce, endives, watercress

Darne de saumon grillé Grilled salmon and sorrel sauce

Entrecôte grillée, pommes frites Parisian rib eye steak and French fries

Poussin entier rôti

Whole roasted baby chicken with mashed potatoes

Baba au rhum

Rum syrun soaked pastry cake

Sincerely,

Diane Hambrick LeBlanc, Corresponding Secretary







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March 7, 2001

Mrs. Schyleen Qualls Brown 403 Main Street, #520 San Francisco, CA 94105

Dear Mrs. Brown:

The membership committee of the San Francisco Chapter of Links, Incorporated is pleased that you have expressed interest in joining our organization. We anticipate your participation at our informational meeting on Tuesday, March 13, 2001 at 7 PM. The event will be held at the San Francisco Marriott, 55 4th (at Mission) in Pacific A meeting room on the fourth floor. Dessert, coffee, and tea will be served.

Cordially,

Link Francell K. Haskins San Francisco Links, Inc.

Co-Chair, Membership Committee

February 18, 2001

Dear Sister Link,

It has been our pleasure to place into nomination the name of Schyleen Qualls Brown for membership in the San Francisco Chapter Of The Links, Incorporated.

We earnestly solicit your support of this candidate. Schyleen is warm, talented and energetic. We are confident that your vote for Schyleen, will welcome into the sisterhood of Links, a member who will uphold our standards and serve our Chapter well.

Rosemarie Randolph Clark - Sponsor

Belva Davis Moore - Co-Sponsor

And Friends:

Joyce Jackson Dixon Frankie Jacobs Gillette Allison Nicholas Metz Barbra Ruffin-Boston Bette Davis Scott















SAN FRANCISCO CHAPTER 2000 - 2001

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Mrs. Marlin Luther King Jr.
234 SUNSET AVENUE, NORTHWEST
ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30314

May 28, 1970

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I must also thank you for the elegant, but dainty pin of jade and pearl which was given to me. Of course, I have worn it several times since I received it and I shall continue to wear it - always with pleasant memories of our evening in San Francisco.

Again, my gratitude and best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Martin Luther King, Jr.

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CSK/bhh

Mrs. Howard Grant, President San Francisco Chapter, Links, Inc. 1900 14th Avenue San Francisco, California 94116





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Coretta Scott King Mrs. Martin Luther King, Jr.

CSK/bhh

Mrs. Howard Grant, President San Francisco Chapter, Links, inc. 1900 l4th Avenue San Francisco, California 94116





San Francisco Chapter of Links President Mrs. Howard Grant chats with hostess Mrs. Colbert Davis and Mrs. Richard Caesar at the Links National Awards presentation and discussion of their national project, "Freedom and the Fine





San Francisco Chapter of Links 1956



Seated, left to right: Rosalind Matthews, Vivian Hambrick, Julia Smith, Lillian Nixon, Amelia Farmar, Diantha Reynolds, Jacqueline Smith and Eugenia Manning; Standing: Dorothy Davis, Ruth Howard, Bessie Sands, Lolita Coleman, Bernice Garner Maude Scaggs Effic Robinson, Mabel Sandford, Willa Evans and Jackieline Goosby. Members not shown: Iner Henderson, Marina Hines, Mildred Stephens, Thelma Toms.

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MENU

Oakleaf Lettuce with Grilled Prawns Avocado and Shaved Fennel Citrus Vinaigrette

Beef Tenderloin and Grilled Salmon Tarragon Cream Sauce

Roasted Garlic Potato Gratin

Seasonal Vegetables

Rolls

Warm Apple and Dried Cherry Tarte Tatin

Tahitian Vanilla Bean Ice Cream

Coffee Tea

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Fiftieth Anniversary Committee

General Chairpersons

Link Jean Burks, San Francisco Chapter Link Katharine W. Ennix, Oakland Bay Area Link Eunice Jackson, San Francisco Chapter

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PROGRAM

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Link Belva Davis Moore

Mistress of Ceremonies

Graee

Link Winifred Younge Smith

Remarks

Link Norma Tueker, Director

Western Area

Recognition of Charter Members

Link Eunice Jackson

Link Joan Neblett

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Link Vivian Hambrick, San Francisco Chapter

Link Mary Lou Loving, Oakland Bay Area Chapter

Link Loraine Rickman, Oakland Bay Area Chapter

Link Jacqueline Smith, San Francisco Chapter

Link Julia Smith, San Francisco Chapter

Tribute and Special Recognition to Connecting Link Waldense Nixon

Connecting Link Kermit Boston

Recognition of Guests and Chapter Members
(Connecting Links stand with Link members)
Link Belva Davis Moore

Toast

Link Diane Hambriek LaBlane

Music

Destiny, The Harpist



































The Links



Patricia Russell-McCloud, national president of the Links, stands in front of the headquarters of the women's organization in Washington, D.C. Sarah Scott and Margaret Hawkins (opposite page) co-founded the Links in November 1946.

Women's organization celebrates 50th anniversary

HE year was 1946. In the wake of World War II, Philadelphia matrons Margaret Hawkins and Sarah Scott ealled together seven friends in hopes of starting a chain of women's cluhs, a new type of organization composed of friends along the Eastern seahoard that would respond to the needs and aspirations of Black women. There were other groups in existence, but the two women envisioned a service-oriented organization that would have a three-fold purpose—to promote civic, educational and cultural concerns—and to lead Black women into postwar America.

That founding meeting 50 years ago launehed the Links Incorporated, an international women's service organization that is among the most prestigious associations of Black women in the country. From that modest first meeting of nine women, the organization born in the wake of World War II has expanded and refined its mission and membership, endured social and racial upheavals, and today has a membership of 9,600 Black women in 267 chapters in 40 states, Washington, D.C., the Bahamas and Frankfurt, Germany.

The members of the Links eelebrate their 50th anniversary in July in New Orleans at the 30th national assembly, which focuses on the theme "Empowering the African-American Family for the 21st Century." Links National President Patricia Russell-McCloud, an attorney and public speaker, says the



goal of the organization during the convention and throughout the golden anniversary year is "to be cognizant of our mission, to revisit our purpose and to celebrate and observe our job well done." That mission, she comphasizes,



LINKS FOUNDER SARAH SCOTT

focuses not only on friendship, but also on service to the community. "The mission of the Links is to reach people at their point of need, men and women, hoys and girls, domestically and internationally," she says. "Our mission is to discern the need and fulfill it, whether that is tutoring young children in middle school or visiting the elderly at nursing homes or putting water wells in villages in Africa. We must reserve the culture of the African-American experience and the Diaspora."

Members of the Links Executive Council (leack row, l. to r.): Mary E. Clark, Cladys Gary Vaughn, Lelia C. Rhodes, Eula Lang-Jeter, Joyce Hannab Beatty, Laura Ross Miller, Pantela Noble-Bentley, Betty Shaltazz, JoAnn S. Bruwn, May Alice Ridley, Aaronetta Pierre, Gwendolyn B. Lee, Iris F. DuBose, Dolores B. Albury, Ann C. Taylor, Doris C. Vaughn and Brenda Ross Metz; (front row, l. to r.) Algenita Scott Davis, Delores Henderson, Joyce M. Dixon, Dolly D. Adams, Regina Jollivette Frazier, Marion S. Sutherland, Jacqulyn C. Shropshire, Patricia Bossell-McCloud, Barbara Dixon Simpkins, Frances M. Flippen, Michelé Ayers Minnix, Joanne Loftin Bates, Mary P. Douglass, Cecclia B. Henderson and Barbara Lord Watkins.



From the very beginning, the Links bas been an organization of civic- and community-ininded women. Over the years, the organization has implemented programs with the purpose of fostering cultural appreciation through the arts, developing richer intergroup relations and helping women who participate understand and accept their social and civic responsibilities. Margaret Hawkins, who was the first president of the Links founding chapter in Philadelphia and later national president, is remembered as "stunning, artistic, sensitive and capable." Sarah Scott, who was vice president of that founding chapter and the first national president, is described as "charming, friendly, full of ideas and possessing a deen sense of responsibility to her associates." Both were young mothers active in Jack and Jill of America, and hoth were educators. (Even today, most Links are married women who are

education.)

Soon after the Philadelphia Links was established, Hawkins and Scott set about contacting family and friends in other cities who might be interested in starting chapters. Many of the women who hecame charter or early members of the first chapters were already acquainted through memberships in other groups, such as college sororities, Jack and Jill, auxiliary organizations related to the National Medical Association and the National Dental Association, and through local chap-

mothers, and many work in the field of

ters of the National Urban League and the NAACP. In June 1949, the Links became a national organization when 40 members met at the first national assembly held in Philadelphia. Fourteen chapters were represented, in-



LINKS FOUNDER MARGARET HAWKINS

cluding those in Atlantic City, Washington, D.C., Baltimore, Petersburg, Pittshurgh, Wilmington, St. Louis, Raleigh, Wilson-Rocky Mount-Tarhoro, New York, Dayton and two others in New Jersey.

In the early years, a special houd was established with the NAACP. At the 1952 assembly, the Links voted to support the NAACP by asking each chapter to take out a life membership (then \$500). In 1954, the organization presented a \$28,000 check to Roy Wilkins, the late executive secretary of the NAACP. To date, the Links has donated more than \$1 million to the NAACP and the NAACP Legal Defense Fund, and another \$2 million to the United Negro College Fund. In total, the Links has donated more than \$15 million to charitable organizations. including the National Urhan League. the National Merit Achievement Foundation, the Dance Theater of Harlem, the Harlem Boys Choir, Africare and the African Water Wells Project. In the past two years, officials say, members of the Links have donated more than 2 million volunteer hours to charitable efforts.

After 50 years of service, the leadership and membership of the Links remain convinced that there is still much work to be done as they pursue their mission of improving the quality of life for the African-American community and the society at large. The Links Foundation, the philanthropic arm of the organization, was created in



Former Units presidents (r. to l.) Marion S. Sutherland, Regina J. Frazier and Dolly D. Adams pose with current president Patricia Russell-McCloud. At Links headquarters in Washington, D.C. (below), Links Chief Administrative Officer Mary P. Douglass (c.) meets with staffers (l. to r.) Yvonne Jefferson, Virginia Jerne, Stephanie Holmes and Lumarzelle Blake

THE LINKS Continued

1979 to address the urgent problems of society. Two years ago, the foundation launched a major fund-raising eampaign; more than \$700,000 has been raised through donations from memhers and other individuals, eorporations, federal grants and other funding sources.

Among the foundation's programs is Project LEAD: High Expectations, an ongoing multimillion-dollar national project designed to direct children away from drug abuse, avoid teenage pregnancy, prevent sexually transmitted diseases and instill self-esteem in highrisk African-American youths. Dr. Gladys Cary Vaughn, director of the Services to Youth Linkage, says: "The main message we are trying to convey to our kids is that if you stumble, you can get up. Our programs are designed to condition youth to become healthy, responsible, accountable, educated and contributing citizens." Integrating efforts with other Links programs, Services to Youth concentrates on various issues, including violence, education, health and wellness, seholarship, teen pregnancy, HIV, drug abuse and exposure to arts and culture.

Since the early years of the organization, the Links has demonstrated a concern for African countries through its International Trends and Services program, headed by Dr. Betty Shahazz, the widow of Maleolm X. The Republie of Niger was awarded the Links first international gift of \$500 in the '50s, and the organization was invited to

participate in the first American Leadership Conference on Africa in 1962. A delegation of 79 Links and their spouses traveled to Nairobi, Kenya, to partieipate in Forum '85, and the organization works with Africare projects to eonstruct water wells in African villages. A program is in place to address the humanitarian needs of those affected by famine and drought. The Links also supports foreign students who are studying at American colleges and uni-

The Arts Linkage has the purpose of promoting and supporting African-American literary, visual and performing arts. Aaronetta Hamilton Pierce. director of the Arts Linkage, says African-Americans have a rieh history of ereative contributions to American eulture. "Our goal is to enrich the appreciation of African-American artists and the creative genius of their legacy," she adds.

Gwendolyn Lee, director of the Links National Trends and Services, says that facet's focus is to revitalize and nurture a positive, supportive environment in the African-American commu-

nity for families. "All programs are geared around the preservation of the African-American family," she says. Among the programs under her administration are legislative issues, economie development, women and empowerment, environmental concerns, civil rights, education and health and well-

Education in the U.S. is a major focus of the organization. May Alice Ridley, director of the Education Linkage, says violence in our schools is "trurifving." Many children are afraid, she says, and others might as well stay home because all they can think about in elass is surviving. "You cannot teach ehildren if they are not there," she says. "Our programs are bringing the minds and bodies of ehildren back into the elassroom." Among the programs in the Education Linkage are Operation L.I.V.E. (Links Insist Violenec be Erased), which involves Links chapters, police departments, school systems and parents; and L.E.A.P. (Links Education Advancement Plan), which sponsors programs, eareer fairs and recruitment drives to reintroduce teaching as a desirable earcer for African-American students.

Last year, the Links initiated a new program, Walk-A-Thon for Health and Hunger, a project promoting good health in the African-American family. In September 1995, thousands of Links, along with family and friends, aeross the United States, in Germany and the Bahamas walked in the name of good health and to feed the hingry. Proceeds were donated to food banks and homeless shelters. The pilot program was so sueeessful that the Centers for Disease Control issued a grant for the Links to continue the project on a larger seale. Mary Glark, the Links Health & Wellness director, says the theme is Make Health A Habit. "African-Americans need to embrace a lifestyle change in pursuing good health," she says. "Moderate exercise, such as walking, is a step in the right direction."

With its numerous programs and







THE LINKS Continued

services, the Links believe they are stepping in the right direction. How-

tion would like to dispel the myths surrounding it. "I think that hecause memhership in this organization is by ever, the president says the organiza- invitation only, it creates an aura of

mystique, and it lessens the knowledge and understanding of the mission," she says. "Therefore, the stereotypical portrayal that gets attached relates possihly, and unfairly, to an upper middle class that is insensitive to the greater nceds in the community. But our record speaks for itself, and in the past and now our purpose has heen demonstrated, our commitment firm."

She adds that members of the Links are physicians, attorneys, engineers, educators, entrepreneurs, corporate executives and homemakers, and all use their considerable resource base to improve the quality of life for others.

The Links feel that the most pressing social need that the organization is addressing today is the quality of public education. The Links leadership advocates a hands-on approach that goes back to the extended family concept of neighborhoods and villages in which every adult considers each child his or her responsibility. Consequently, each child can stand tall and have pride, dignity, integrity and character.

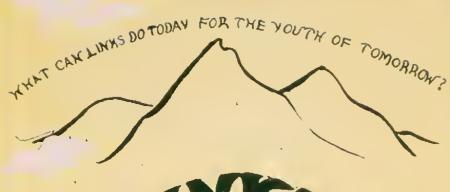
Russell-McCloud seeks to lead by example as she prepares the organization for the next century. "I want my legacy on the eve of the millennium to he that we did not miss this opportunity to be a viable, dynamic, comprehensive force of empowered African-American women," she says. "We are a cadre of competent women who have our fingers on the pulse of the possible, linkages toward the possible....We have been successful because we understand that those of us to whom much is given, much is required," she adds, "and we have been responsive to that through our programming."

Gwendolyn Lee, director of the Links

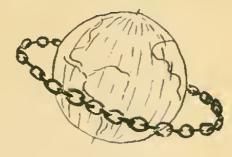
National Trends and Services facet (top), meets with teen mothers at Thornridge High School in Dolton, Ill., where she is principal. At Pearl-Cohn Arts Magnet High School in Nashville (ahove), Aaronetta Hamilton Pierce, director of the Links Arts facet, views dance students who participated in the Music City Links collaboration with the Tennessee Performing Arts Center to promote an Alvin Ailey Dance Theater performance. Accompanying her is Sandra Lewis, a member of the Links National Arts Committee and chair of the Arts Committee for the Music City Links. The Links also sponsored a master dance class for high school and college students. During the Links Walk-A-Thon in New York last fall (right), television weatherman Spencer Christian poses with Links Dale Dunn, Mary Clark, Patricia Russell-McCloud. Barbara Simpkins, Betty Shabazz and Mary Dauglass.







THE LINDS, INC.



EIGHTH
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

DENVER, COLORADO June 28, - July 1, 1956



ASSEMBLY THOUGHT

As we come together for this EIGHTH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY of LINKS, INC., may each of us offer our genuine efforts toward the growth and preservation of the real meaning of LINKDOM, and may each of us bring with us a spirit of sizeere cooperation and fine fellowship,

May each of us leave this ASSEMBLY inspired with the driving force that lies behind great achievements, to go forward to make 1956-57 the banner year in the three-fold purpose of LINKS, INC.

MARGARET R. HAWKINS National President Links, Inc.









Vivian Hambrick - President



Upper row, left to right: Martha McCune, Dorathy Chambers, Mable Sandford, Lillion Nixon, Diontho Reynolds, Bessie Sands, Julie Grant

Lower raw: Bernice Garner, Jacqueline Smith, Willa Evons, Vivian Hambrick,
Marquento Neblett, Lois Coesar

Not pictured: Lolito Coleman, Jockieline Goosby, Ruth Howard, Eugenia Manning, Rossalind Matthews, Leolo Nixon, Effie Robinson, Mildred Stephens, Thelmo Toms

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The Northern California Gateway Cluster
cordually invites you

to join as at the

32nd National Assembly

of
The Links, Incorporated

in
The "Golden West City

hy the Bay."

San Francisco, California

at the

Sun Francisco Kilton Towers

July 4 through July 9, 2000

Come velebrate the new nullennium in
the city "—where little cable curs climb

halfway to the stars."



A Salute To SISTER BETTY



Prayer vigils (right) were held across the country for Dr. Betty Shabazz who was severely burned in her apartment (opposite page) in a fire reportedly set by an alienated grandson with a history of emotional problems. On June 23, at Jacobi Medical Center in the Bronx, she died after five major operations to remove and replace burned skin tissue over 80 percent of her body. The willow of Malcolin X was photographed (above) at Brooklyn's Medgar Evers College, where she was director of communications and public relations.



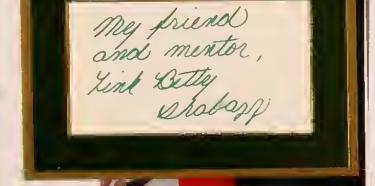
1936-1997

Nation hails persistence of spirit of Malcolm X's widow

When she was 29, Betty Shabazz, accompanied by her children, watched, horrified, as assassins gunned her husband down.

Undannted and unafraid, she raised the children on her own, in the full glare of TV eameras and klieg lights, and went on to establish her own persona as an educational expert and a keeper of the Maleolm X flame. In the process, the woman known universally as Sister Betty faced more than her share of trials, but she confronted them all, giving America, and Black America especially, one of the great images of the indomitable tenacity of the spirit, and especially the indomitable tenacity of spirit of great Black women. It was no accident, therefore, that Sister Betty brought so much courage to the task of facing another trial—an apartment fire, reportedly set by an alienated grandson, that left her with thirddegree burns over 80 percent of her body—in a life defined by trials and triumphs over trials.

We followed Sister Betty from the house in East Elmhurst to the day of her death on June 23, 1997, and we are presenting, in honor of her spirit, the following photographs of her journey.



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My Dister in Yow, Tink Rimburly Quallo with my brother Douglass Quallo.





My first cousin, Link Tydia Gaillard



My connecting Link Dr. Ron Brown



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The Harvard Foundation Fosters Racial Understanding and Celebrates Cultural Diversity

Schyleen Qualls has THE LAST WORD

n Thursday, February 27, 1992 nationally acclaimed actress Schyleen Qualls treated the Harvard/ Radeliffe community to an evening of vibrant poetry and drama. Ms. Qualls's one-woman show, entitled THE LAST WORD, combines the poetry of African-American writers such as Julia Fields, Jayne Cortez, Nikki Giovanni, and Langston Hughes with personal narratives to create a unique and entertaining celebration of literature and life. THE LAST WORD stresses positive self imaging through art and humor for

people from all backgrounds. It encourages people of all cultures to explore the diversity and richness of American culture and to become increasingly knowledgeable and open-minded world citizens.

Ms. Qualls's unique theatrical style has delighted audiences in the United States and abroad. She is co-founder of the Cleo Parker Robinson Dance Ensemble and was a featured performer for the Reverend Jesse Jackson during his 1988 presidential campaign. The same year she appeared at the National Convention for the



League of Women Voters and performed in Germany as part of an 11 member delegation from the United States.

Her various experiences around the world were very much in evidence during her Harvard performance of poetry and stories. She appealed to a diverse audience with her down-to-earth attitude, and encouraged the audience to participate in part of her performance. When she performed one of Jacqui Earley's interactive pieces, she asked the audience to snap and respond in syncopation. Through Maya

Angelou's poem, "The Human Family," Ms. Qualls emphasized that people are different culturally, racially and ethnically and yet are similar in many other ways. She concluded her performance with a powerful interpretation of Maya Angelou's "Still I Rise" for which she received a standing ovation. The audience demanded an encore and Ms. Qualls returned to the stage to perform a Paul Lawrence Dunbar poem. Her brilliant and exciting show was an inspiration to people of all ages and backgrounds.

The evening ended with a presentation by Dr. S. Allen Counter, and Natosha Reid '93, co-chair of the Harvard Foundation Student Advisory Committee, of the Harvard Foundation Medallion to Ms. Qualls "to mark her visit to Harvard University and to recognize her contributions to the performing arts and to intercultural relations." Ms. Quall's visit was sponsored by the Black Students Association, the African American Cultural Center, and the Association of Black Radcliffe Women.

-Natosha Reid '93

o She's a humdinger of a word slinger, T a heller of a storyteller, dawn's first light and a downright delight.

> — Ken Kesey One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest









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The National MultiCultural Institute

The Denver Symphony Orchestra

The Cleo Parker Robinson Dance Eusemble
The Charles Lloyd Quarter

The Aspen Opera House

SCHYLEEN QUALLS POET-TELLER



chyleen Qualls is America's finest poetteller. Acclaimed for her one-woman show, *The Last Word*, Qualls is by turns

poignant, humorous, provocative, and wise. A woman with an extraordinary sense of the times, she keeps alive the tradition of the griot* for diverse audiences around the world.

Featured as a headliner at corporate events, international conferences, and campuses, she performs the stellar works of the powerful American poets Maya Angelou, Ntozake Shange, Nikki Giovanni, Langston Hughes, and emerging artists such as Ruth Forman and Jabari Asim. Her performance is a stylish event; she radiates an elegance of spirit that rivets audiences.

In 1992, Qualls was awarded the Harvard University Foundation Medal for her "outstanding contributions to American Performing Arts and to Intercultural Relations"—an honor she shares with Javier Perez de Cuellar, former Secretary General of the United Nations, and Nobel Laureates Elie Wiesel and Archbishop Desmond Tutu.

Qualls has traveled to over thirty countries and has represented the United States as an ambassador for the arts in Nigeria and Germany.

Schyleen Qualls brings boundless inspiration and poetic thunder to business, education, government, and arts-hosted programs designed to commemorate and recognize achievement.

Poet-teller Schyleen Qualls is, in a word, irresistible.

^{*}griot n. a member of a hereditary caste among the peoples of western Africa whose function is to keep an oral history of the tribe or village, and to entertain with stories, poems, songs



National Pledge

I do solemnly pledge myself to all ideals, purposes, and true meaning of the word "friendship" as embodied in the name "LINKS".

I shall earnestly endeavor to uphold these standards and do my share toward serving my community and my club to the best of my ability.

And this I promise.

Sarah Strickland Scott

The Links, Incorporated San Francisco Chapter

Induction Ceremony and Dinner
The Westin St. Francis
335 Powell, San Francisco, CA
Sunday, June 3, 2001
4 PM until 8 PM

Induction Ceremony
4 PM. Olympic North and South, 2nd Floor
Slembers Only'

Dinner
5:30 PM, St Francis Suite, Twelfth Hoor

Menu Cabernet Sauvignon or Chardonnay

Vine Ripened Tomatoes, Buffalo Mozzarella and Baby Arugula
With Kalamata Olives & Basil Vinaugrette
Assorted Dinner Rolls and Butter

Entrée * '
Salmon Stuffed with Crab and Shrimp
Lemongrass Beutre Blanc
Or
Roasted Tenderloin of Angus Beef
Spiked unth Garlic, Balsamic Demi Glaze

Dessert
Chocolate Walnut Satin with Whipped Cream Finish
Coffee & Selection of Teas

RSVP
"Entree Selection and Number of Guest
By
Tuesday, May 29, 2001
To
Link Francell K. Haskins

Link Francell K. Haskins 510.267.8099 Business (24 Hours) 415.749.1921 Home

'Guests are invited to convene at the Compass Rose, located on the lobby level of the hotel.

























San Francisco Chapter



Jazz Luncheon

Celebrating the Arts and Community Service

Sunday, November 4, 2001 Cathedral Hill Hotel 1101 Van Ness Avenue San Francisco, California Sunday November 4, 2001, 12:30 (athedral Hill Hotel, Main Ballraom, 110 (55.00 per person \$30.00 of a purchased ticke



The White Rose Banquet

Western Area Director, Alameda Contra Costa Chapter

The Processional and Introduction of Dais

Link Jean M. Burks Protocol Chairman, San Francisco Chapter

The Occasion

Link Elenora Browner Crichtow Chairman, White Rose Banquet

Meditation

Link Sandra Dorsey Malone Area Vice Director

Dinner Music by Link Jacqueline W. Hairston

Western Area Music Chairman

Tribute To Forty-year Members

Link Julia B. Smith Sixth Western Area Director

A Tribute to Fifty-Year Chapters and Members

Link Marion S. Sutherland Tenth National President, The Links, Inc.

Response

Link Jacqueline M. Smith Filty-year Member, San Francisco Chapter

. Modley of Spirituals
Denver Spiritual Choir

The Area Director's Recognition Service Award

Link Deborah Sims, San Francisco Chapter Chairman, Northern California Gateway Cluster for the 32nd National Assembly, San Francisco, California

Installation of Officers

Link Barbara Dixon Simpkins Twelfth National President, The Links, Inc.

Remarks

The Western Area Director

Closing Ceremony and Candlelight Service
Link Dorothy Madison, Chairman, Rituals Committee, Austin Chapter Link Katie Allen, Co-Chairman, Oakland Bay Chapter

Link Ernestine Gipson, Co-Chairman, Denver Chapter





FIRST CRUSH WELCOMES

SAN FRANCISCO LINKS, INC.

HOSTED BY SCHYLEEN QUALLS BROWN
SATURDAY, MARCH, 22, 2003

LUNCH MENU

STARTERS

CRUSH SALAD
BUTTER LETTUCE/BLUE CHEESE/ DRIED CRANBERRIES/WALNUTS/
APPLES/VINAIGRETTE DRIZZLE

-OR-

CRAB CAKE
FRESH CRAB CAKE/SAUTÉED LEEKS/MUSTARD CREAM SAUCE

ENTREES

FRESH SEAFOOD CASSOULET
LOCAL SEA BASS/SALMON / CLAMS/MUSSELS/LEEKS/CARROTS/WHITE WINE CREAM SAUCE

-OR-

PAN ROASTED SALMON FILLET
MIXED VEGETABLES/HORSERADISH MASHED POTATOES

-OR-

ROASTED CHICKEN BREAST
CREAMY POLENTA/BLUE LAKE GREEN BEANS/MADEIRA REDUCTION SAUCE

DESSERT

APPLE & CINNAMON CRISP SERVED WARM WITH CINNAMON-CARAMEL ICE CREAM

BEVERAGE SERVICE INCLUDES ICED TEA AND SOFT DRINKS.











Vivian Sanders Walker Hambrick
Died peacefully on May 23, 2007 with

her family at her side

She was born in Boston, MA, and moved to San Francisco with her husband and children in 1948. She and her husband, the late Or Edward R. Hambrick, were pioneers in the African American community of San Francisco. She was a graduate of Fisk University, Nashville, TN, where she received a degree in English. She worked as an educator and served in the Signal Core during WWII She was an avid community volunteer and she was a charter member of many organizations including S.F. Jack and Jill, S.F. Links, Inc., John Hale Medical Aux. and French hospital Auxiliary. She was a faithful member of St. Cyprian Episcopal Church since 1955.

Preceded in death by her husband; and her son Edward R. Hambrick, II.

She is lovingly remembered by her daughters, Orane Hambrick LeBlanc and Vivian Hambrick-Ryan and stepdaughter, Mary Hambrick; her grandchildren William Robinson, Valerie Hambrick Barber, Edward Hambrick III, William Hambrick and Brandon Ryan, greatgranddaughter, Keaira Robinson; and hei cousin Anne Randolph. Her extended family includes many lifelong friends and a host of "sons" and "daughters" who were recipients of her exquisite grace and charm. She will be greatly missed by the community of San Francisco she loved so much.

Services will be held at St. Cyprian

Episcopal Church, 2087 Turk St, SF, on May 31, 2007 with Viewing at 10 am, Funeral Mass at 11 am. All are invited to a reception honoring Vivian following the service. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Fisk University Nashville, TN.

DUGGAN'S FUNERAL SERVICE
THE DUGGAN WELCH FAMILY
(415) 431-4900 3434 17th Street

MEMORIAL CEREMONY FOR LINK VIVIAN S. W. HAMBRICK



May 31, 2007

Friendship

Service

Leadership



THE LINKS, INC.

SAN FRANCISCO
CHAPTER



THE LINKS, INCORPORATED



National Headquarters Washington, D.C.

"Making History — Providing Hope"



About The Links, Incorporated

Founded in 1946 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, The Links, Inc., is an organization of over 10,000 women with 270 chapters in 40 states, Frankfurt, Germany, and Nassau, The Bahamas. For more than half a century, the organization has gathered momentum, continuously redefined its purposes, sharpened its focus, and expanded its program dimensions in order to make the name "Links" not only a chain of friendship, but also a chain of purposeful service.

Throughout its history, The Links, Inc. has attracted many distinguished women who are individual achievers who have made a difference in their communities.

They are role models, mentors, activists, and volunteers who work toward the realization of the vision for African Americans and for persons of African descent worldwide, by engaging like-minded organizations and individuals for partnership.

Through its philanthropic arm, The Links Foundation, Inc., the National Office has granted more than \$17 million to charitable organizations and institutions.

Connected in Friendship

Called in Service

Committed to Purpose

National Program Emphases

The singular purpose of all Links programs is the improvement of life and the pursuit of excellence through identifying and meeting needs. In fulfilling this purpose we seek to cirrich the world community. Some of the Links Initiatives include:

- □ UNCF/The College Fund
- NAACP and Legal Defense Fund
- Sickle Cell Research Program: Howard University & Meharry Medical College
- National Urban League
- National Achievement Program
- Ralph Bunch Memorial Project
- Morchouse Medical College
- Public Policy Forums
- Voter registration Initiatives
- □ NGO Member-United Nations
- U N & Human Rights Day Observances
- International Year of the Child
- International Decade of the Woman
- African Water wells project
- Zambia School in a Box program
- Schomberg Center for Research in Black Culture
- Westside Repertory
- John Work Foundation
- □ Project LEAD-High Expectations

Yesterday's Courage

Today's Vision

Tomorrom's Hope

The San Francisco Chapter

The San Francisco Chapter was installed in 1950 with the mission of supporting and implementing the goals and objectives of the National Organization. By working to provide financial and hands on support for community-based organizations, initiatives and programs, the San Francisco Chapter of The Links, Inc. has provided thousands of volunteer hours and over \$400,000 to support programs in the following areas:

National Trends and Services: - Citizenship & community concerns, Health & education, Leadership training, Minority concerns, Consumer information:

- Community Health Fairs: Kaiser, Bayview Hunter's Point
- UNCF/College Fund Walk-a-thon
- Life Skills Management for Semors
- Civic Luncheon/Scholarship Fundraisers

International Trends and Services - Exploring global issues, Financial assistance to the cause of internationalism, Special services to foreign guests:

- Edgewood Center: exploring Africa project;
 Kwanza celebration
- ☐ African Water wells project
- School-in-a-Box: Rwanda education project

The Arts - Fostering appreciation of the Arts; Identifying and supporting talent:

- Cosponsor, Opening Reception, David Driscoll exhibit, Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco
- Funding for acquisitions by artists such as Elizabeth Catlett and Aaron Douglas
- Serving as museum representatives/docents

Services to Youth - African American Heritage, College-bound / Career awareness, Mentoring, Drug abuse awareness, Teenage pregnancy prevention:

- Project LEAD:Links Erase Alcohol and Drugs
- Edgewood Children's Center programs
- Boys and Girls to Work program



We Invite Your Participation

As active members of the San Francisco Chapter of The Links, we are committed to serve to make a difference in our communities in the greater San Francisco Bay Area. The opportunity we have as a service organization to expand our programs is greatly enhanced by developing partnerships with businesses and corporations who share our vision, passion, and purpose. Partnership activities can include a tax-deductible donation to support a program and/or event; underwriting a special activity or the cost of goods and services; or providing in-kind services and/or products to benefit an identified need. The opportunities are endless and we are greatly appreciative of your support.

We welcome your participation and invite you to contact the Link member named below for more detailed information on how we can work together to achieve our collective goals of enhancing our communities and improving the quality of life for those we serve.

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